

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 20 with the following:

As also illustrated in the figures ~~Fig. 1~~, at the rolling table side at least one clamping element 7 with actuating members 11, 25, 25', 30, 36, 36' is arranged. The actuating members in the present embodiment are hydraulic piston-cylinder units and are referred to as force means. On the rolling table side of the frame arms 22, 29, the holding elements 6, 6' overlapping the rolling line x-x are provided which receive bearings (not illustrated) for oppositely rotatable rotors of the blade holders 4, 4'. The transport plane of the rolling table 2 is identified at y-y.

Please replace the paragraph before the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 16 with the following (this paragraph was inadvertently left out of the clean copy of the substitute specification, but was present in the marked-up version):

According to Fig. 2 and Fig. 3, a hydraulic force means 11

cooperating with coupling elements 21 and 21' is provided for lifting the clamping element 7 into the gliding path 38 ~~paths 26, 26'~~ or for lifting it out of it. Moreover, the Figs. 2 and 3 show that the holding element 6 has two pressure plates 23, 23' at the free end of the upper, horizontal frame arm 22, that the clamping element 7 has congruent gliding plates 24, 24', that the holding element 6' has two pressure plates 37, 37', and that the clamping element 7 has congruent gliding plates ~~38, 38'~~. The clamping element 7 is slidable by force means 25, 25' on a horizontal gliding path 38 ~~26, 26'~~ with its gliding plates ~~24, 24'~~ and ~~38, 38'~~ across the pressure plates 23, 23' and 37, 37' for generating a positive and non-positive coupling.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 16 with the following:

In Fig. 4 an alternative embodiment of the coupling device between the upper frame arm 22 and the lower frame arm 29 of the machine frame 20 of the shears 3 is illustrated. In this connection, it is provided that the securing element 6 is embodied at the free end of the upper horizontal frame arm 22 with coupling rods 32, 32' with spindle drive 31, 31' wherein the coupling rods are connected

to be pivotal to both sides.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 1 with the following:

The coupling rods 32, 32' can be engaged via lower recesses 27, 27' by congruent coupling sockets 28, 28' of the lower frame arm 29 of the machine frame 20 and are adjustable by a force means 30.

The coupling rods 32, 32' are moved with the aid of their spindle drives 31, 31' into the position in which the recesses 27, 27' ~~39,~~ ~~39'~~ rests against the coupling sockets 28, 28' ~~40,~~ ~~40'~~ for generating a positive and non-positive connection.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 1 with the following:

List of Reference Numerals

- 1 strip/sheet metal
- ~~2,~~ ~~2'~~ rolling table

2'	<u>movable part</u>
3	shears
4, 4'	blade holder
5, 5'	holding element
6, 6'	holding element
7	clamping element
8	drive apparatus
8'	<u>reducing gear</u>
9	drive carriage
10	drive
11	force means/ <u>actuating member</u>
12	synchronization gear
13, 13'	wheel flanges
14, 14'	guide rails
20	machine frame
21	coupling elements
22	upper frame arm
23, 23'	pressure plates
24, 24'	gliding plates
25, 25'	force means/ <u>actuating members</u>
26, 26'	gliding <u>plates</u> path
27, 27'	recess

28, 28' coupling sockets
 29 lower frame arm
 30 force means/ actuating member
 31, 31' spindle drive
 32, 32' coupling rod
 34 joint
 35 pivot axis
 36, 36' force means/ actuating members
 37, 37' pressure plates
 38, ~~38'~~ gliding path plates